Poor Economic Conditions of Our sports-men df International Standard

328. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD; DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE;

WiJl the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) w'nether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the Indian Express of Janu ary 10, 1987 'A Gold Medalist now a Hawker';

(b) *i{* so, what are the details thereof and what steps, if any, are taken by Government to ensure that those who win laurels for the country in th e inter national and other games are not ex posed to poverty to such an extefit;

(c) whether particulars of such persons and their families are maintained by the Central and State Governments to ensure a reasonable economic standard lo them;
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(d) if so, what are the details in this regard? 1

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE, DEVELOPMENT (SRHIMATI MARGARET ALVA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) T'ne Press Report states that an ex-wrestler Shri Malwa and his wife have^ to supplement the salary which Shri Malwa is drawing from his employer to support their family by selling eatables outside a school in Delhi. The Deft; Administration has indicated thaf it proposes to give employment to Shri Malwa's wife, a grant, of Rs. 20, 000|-from Khilaari Kosh and provide free schooling to h's children. With a view to providing suitable assistance- to eligible sportspersons and their families in indigent circumstances, the Government have established 'a National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons.

(c) and (d) While no such particulars are maintained by the Union Government any proposal received for financial assistance to sportspersons is considered under the scheme Gf National Welfare Fund for Sportpersons. Details as to whether different State Governments maintain such particulars are not available.

Progress in setting up of coach factory Kapurthala

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in the setting up of the Coach Factory at Kapurthala;

(b) the expenditure incurred so far on *it,* item-wise;

(c) by what time the factory is likely to be commissioned; and

(d) what is the number of people given fresh employment there and out of it the number of local people in it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA); (a) The progress on setting up the Rail Coach Factory at Kapurthala as on 31. 1. 87 is:

(i) Physical progress on Factory Structures23 per cent.

(ii) Financial progress. 8. 5 per cent